

(SRI GANJI VEERAPPA)

Davangere Taluk and its yearly total expenditure ;

(b) whether the said Municipal Council has resolved to request the Government to convert the Municipality into a Panchayat Board ;

(c) whether the Deputy Commissioner, Chitradurga District, has sent up any recommendation to the Government in the matter of converting the Municipality into a Panchayat Board ;

(d) if so, when the recommendation made by him ;

(e) whether Government have passed any orders in this behalf ?

A.—Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Municipal Administration).—

(a) Total income for 1961-62—Rs. 11,615.

Total expenditure for 1961-62—Rs. 13,845.

(b) On 16th May 1960 it resolved in favour of conversion into a Panchayat. On 10th August 1960, 31st October 1960 and 7th June 1962 it has resolved in favour of the retention of the Municipality.

(c) He has furnished his views in the matter.

(d) In September 1960 he intimated that either the Municipality may be continued as heretofore or converted into a Town Panchayat. In September 1961 he suggested its conversion into a Town Panchayat.

(e) In Order No. LLH 30 TBL 60, dated 24th February 1961 Government have issued orders withdrawing the preliminary Notification No. LLH 30 TBL 60, dated 9th July 1960 notifying the ceasing of Mayakonda Municipality and ordered further action to be taken for holding of elections to the Municipality. The suggestion made by the Deputy Commissioner in September 1961 to convert it into a Town Panchayat is under consideration of Government.

Mining Leases granted in the State by the Government for Manganese Ore.

Q.—58. Sri GANJI VEERAPPA (Harihar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of mining leases granted in the State by the Government for Manganese Ore ;

(b) whether all the manganese mines are working at present and if not the number of such mines that are actually working and the number closed ;

(c) the total amount of dead rent that is in arrears from the manganese mine owners ;

(d) whether it is not a fact that the manganese trade has fallen due to international trade conditions and that the mining industry (manganese) has suffered a setback ;

(e) whether the mine owners have approached Government with a request for waiving the arrears of dead rent and if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government in the matter of waiving the same ?

A.—Sri K. MALLAPPA (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(a) 328.

(b) No.

117 actually working, 211 closed.

(c) Rs. 21,99,386-56 upto end of 1961.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes. Request was not accepted by Government.

Inconvenience caused to the Ryots regarding the Sale of Spare Parts of Tractors.

Q.—75. Sri S. V. RAME GOWDA (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware of the inconvenience caused to the ryots regarding the sale of spare parts of tractors as there is only one firm which imports them ;

(b) if so, whether they will issue licence to the other Companies also to import the spare parts in order to avoid any inconvenience caused to the ryots ?

A.—Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (a).

Steps taken to provide additional Accommodation in Hospitals.

Q.—77. Sri K. V. BYRE GOWDA (Yeshwanthpur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware of the over-crowding in Hospitals specially in the urban parts ;

(b) whether they are aware of the inadequate arrangements for the treatment of both in-patients and out-patients in the Hospitals ;

(c) the steps they propose to take to expand medical facilities to the people ?

A.—Sri K. NAGAPPA ALVA (Minister for Health).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) To provide additional accommodation, equipment and drugs to the existing hospitals as far as the State Finances permit.

Inauguration of Panchayat Raj in the State.

Q.—79. Sri K. V. BYRE GOWDA (Yeshwanthpur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) when Panchayat Raj was inaugurated in Mysore State ;

(b) what steps have been taken to implement the Panchayat Raj ;

(c) whether the Government have framed the necessary rules in this

behalf under the Village Panchayat Act ;

(d) whether Secretaries have been appointed for all Village Panchayats in the State ;

(e) whether inspecting and supervisory authorities have been appointed to ensure that the Village Panchayats have been functioning as per the scheme of the Panchayat Raj ?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Co-operation and Development).—

(a) On 1st November 1959.

(b) Villages under Section 3 of the Act were declared after necessary enquiry, elections to constitute Panchayats all over the State held and 7,450 Panchayats and Town Panchayats have been constituted. 166 Taluk Boards have been constituted. As in the other Taluks the Boards could not be constituted for Channapatna, Bailhongal, Gokak, Soundatti, Ramdurga Taluks on account of Writ Petitions in the High Court. Advisory Committees have been appointed for these Taluks. Only one Taluk, Hirekerur, is under a Special Officer and action is being taken to appoint an Advisory Committee for this Taluk also. District Development Councils have been constituted for all the Districts of the State. The finances due to these bodies have been made available. The local authorities are carrying on their work with the powers conferred on them by the Act. Government are keenly watching their activities and giving advice and direction when needed. To enlarge the scope of work of the Taluk Boards 30 Plan Schemes of different Development Departments have been made over to them for implementation with the finance and personnel sanctioned for these schemes. Open sites in the Goathan area, common lands, public roads and streets, wells with fishing rights, trees, stone and lime quarries, have been vested in the Panchayats. They are also being assisted with grants and loans for building up remunerative assets.

(c) Yes.